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SW HOG CHOLERA IS BEING COMBATED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The Department of Agriculture, during the past year, has been conducting campaigns in Indiana, Missouri, and Nebraska to control the contagious disease of hogs known as hog cholera by means of anti-hog cholera serum and farm quarantines. One county (Pettis County, Missouri) where there was a loss of 13 per cent. in 1911, and 25.6 per cent. in 1912 of all hogs raised, there was a loss of 14.7 per cent. up to November, 1913. This decrease was due to the use of the serum, which, although not used there by the Department's agents until August, 1913, materially reduced the loss. About 60,000 hogs were raised during the past year and of this 10,000 that died of hog cholera only about 1,000 were lost after the active use of serum and quarantine measures were inaugurated.

In every county where these measures were employed, even though begun after the disease had continued its ravages for some time, there was less loss from hog cholera than in either of the two preceding years. In addition to its great function as a preventative, it has been found that the anti-hog cholera serum would cure a large portion of the hogs in the early stages of the disease and render them immune after recovery. However, if hogs are not treated by this serum, from 75 to 100 per cent. of all affected hogs die. This serum, so far as is known, is the only thing that will prevent the disease.

Of hogs actually sick when treated, the Department's inspectors lost but 75 per cent. during the past summer. Of well hogs in diseased herds, 2.8 per cent. died after being treated and of hogs in exposed lands less than 1 per cent. died after being inoculated with the serum. In an infected herd there is always a certain proportion of hogs that are well.

The inspector examines the hogs when he arrives, takes the temperature of all hogs in the herd and separates the sick from the well. The temperature is an indication of the sickness. The temperature of a sick hog, unless the hog is near death, will run above 140 degrees and sometimes as high as 107 or 108 degrees F.

Some States are engaged in the manufacture of serum to cure this disease. This serum requires special treatment to preserve its quality and a qualified man to produce it. Sufficient serum to treat an average hundred-pound hog costs about thirty cents at a liberal estimate. The treatment is by hypodermic injection.

The Department in initiating its campaign against the devastating hog disease has only been able to commence in a few of the districts where the cholera was the most widespread and where the active co-operation of the State was offered in enforcing ordinary quarantine measures, etc.

The object of the Department has been to endeavor to control the disease and if possible, to eliminate it from the country. To secure this end the best efforts of the farmer himself are necessary. The campaign against this devastating sickness during 1913 was planned in the territory selected along three lines.

1. The education and organization of the farmers in the districts selected, to be carried out primarily by the State College.
2. The enforcement of sanitation and restrictive regulations by the State veterinarian.
3. Active supervision by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department and the inoculation of diseased herds and exposed herds with the anti-hog cholera serum.

A county in each State was selected as a unit and the method of work in that county was, briefly, for the State College to secure the co-operation of intelligent, active farmers in each township in the county. These men were called volunteer assistants and they were to keep in close communication with the Department's inspector stationed in that area, keeping him informed of conditions and securing statistics concerning the hog industry. In this manner conditions were pretty well learned in the territory under inspection. When an outbreak of hog cholera was reported the Department's inspector went to that outbreak and saved all the hogs he could by treatment with serum. As the disease is very easily transmitted, he then protected all herds in the immediate vicinity by inoculation. The idea was to form a zone of immune animals around the infected center.

Hog cholera is caused by a germ that exists in the blood. It is an organism apparently so small that the most powerful microscopes do not show it. However, it is easy to demonstrate its presence by inoculating a small part of the blood from a sick hog into a well one, which produces the hog cholera.

Hog cholera is a disease which seems to be stopped to a degree by the frosts of winter, although frost cannot be said to stop a case after it has taken hold of its victim. However, it seems to prevent the rapid spread of the disease. The result is that in spring time the affection is as a rule, at the lowest ebb, but increases rapidly from that time until fall.

Hog cholera does not seem to affect any particular breed of hogs more than another, and while generally the careless farmer is more apt to have the disease among his hogs than the careful one, the disease sometimes occurs where the conditions are sanitary. It is hoped that the work may be extended gradually until the disease is completely controlled or eliminated. The fact that hog cholera is carried not only by the hogs themselves, but by birds, dogs, streams and even on the feet of men going from one farm to another shows how necessary it is that the campaign be thorough and that farmers exert their best efforts to assist in the work.

An apple filled with cloves was a common object in many houses a generation or so ago. A man in Atchison, Kansas, claims a specimen that has been preserved since 1872.

THEATRICAL.

Joseph and His Brethren
The third of the Century Theatre dramatic spectacles, "Joseph and His Brethren," will come to the Grand Opera House, Cincinnati, for the week beginning Monday, Feb. 2. In some respects it is built on a larger scale than either of its predecessors, for it has thirteen scenes, where "The Garden of Allah" and "The Daughter of Heaven" had only eight. There are more than two hundred people in the production and more than sixty speaking parts. Its success has been phenomenal.

"Joseph and His Brethren" is a vitalized version of the story in the book of Genesis, written for the stage by Louis N. Parker. Mr. Parker is known chiefly in America for his "Disraeli" and "Pomander Walk," but in England he is known as the author of many other successes, including "Drake," the hit of the last London season. "Drake" was given a spectacular production at His Majesty's Theatre by Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, who has also produced "Joseph" there this season.

To present "Joseph and His Brethren" the Liebler Company has selected a cast of unusual ability. Brandon Tynan, who has been a star in his own plays, and leading man for Nazimova, will play the role of "Joseph." James O'Neill, of "Monte Cristo" fame, will have the part of Jacob, the patriarch, and in the third act will play Pharaoh. Pauline Frederick, pronounced by artist Harrison Fisher the most beautiful woman in America, and numerous other players of reputation will be seen in the cast, while the heads of all technical departments of the Liebler Company who worked out and produced the so-called "effects" in the play, will accompany the big production to insure its smooth production in Cincinnati.

The four acts of "Joseph and His Brethren" will be known as "The Coat of Many Colors," "The Temptation," "The Dreams," and "The Deliverer." The scenes will be respectively "The Tents of Shechem," "The Wells of Dothan," "Jacob's Tent," "In the House of Potiphar," "Potiphar's Garden," "Zuella's Room," "In the House of Potiphar," "In the Prison," "In Pharaoh's Palace," "Jacob's Tent," "The Entrance to Joseph's House," "The Pyramids," and "In Joseph's House."

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Standpat organs describe Woodrow Wilson's attitude toward the trusts, as thus far divulged, as "conciliatory." Woodrow should remember that the Trojans said kindly things about that wooden horse that the Greeks placed before Troy's main gate.

Yes.

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